Complaints on Human Rights Violations

3546. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken cognizance of the complaints in regard to human rights violations in the country for the past three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the outcome of such actions in different parts of the country;

(d) whether it has restored confidence in the Army; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (e) The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) receives and enquires into allegations of human rights violation as per the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993 (PHR Act, 1993). The NHRC received 36791, 40724 and 50634 complaints during the year 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-2000 respectively. The Commission has disposed of 18801, 46285 and 28281 complaints in these years respectively. The Commission, on completion of enquiry, has also recommended compensation, wherever deemed necessary. Under the procedure prescribed in the PHR Act, 1993, the NHRC seeks a report from the Central Government while dealing with cases of violation of human rights by the Armed Forces. As a result of the various measures taken by the NHRC on the complaints received by it, there is a better appreciation of human rights in various States as also in the Army.

Maharashtra's Request on Karnataka-Maharashtra Border Dispute

3547. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maharashtra Government has requested Government to convene a meeting of the Chief Ministers of Karnataka and Maharashtra to hold talks and resolve the Karnataka-Maharashtra border dispute;